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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 532(1) of Public Act 131, requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report to the Senate and House appropriation subcommittees, the Senate and House fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the department's implementation of the licensing and contract compliance review process.

In last year's report for this section, DHS described the results of a collaborative work group that convened in December 2004 and concluded work in February 2006. In summary, the Bureau of Child and Adult Licensing (BCAL) and the Purchased Services Division (PSD):

- Eliminated duplicative onsite inspection activities when legally permitted.
- Took steps to eliminate PSD rule related reviews of agency functions which are also monitored by BCAL.
- Coordinated routine onsite inspections and complaint investigations whenever legally permitted.
- Formalized a process for sharing investigative findings.

BCAL also prioritized the onsite investigations and inspections of child care organizations based on the assessment of risk to children.

In December 2007, DHS established a Partnership for Excellence Work Group, a collaboration with private providers designed to foster improvements in system-wide child welfare practice and in the working relationship between public and private sector agencies. We intend to ask this group to identify any additional duplication of efforts between BCAL and PSD processes and to recommend options for addressing these options.

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If you have any questions please call John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 517-373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ismael Ahmed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices
State Budget Director